

Bayesian Networks and Proof-Nets: the proof-theory of Bayesian Inference

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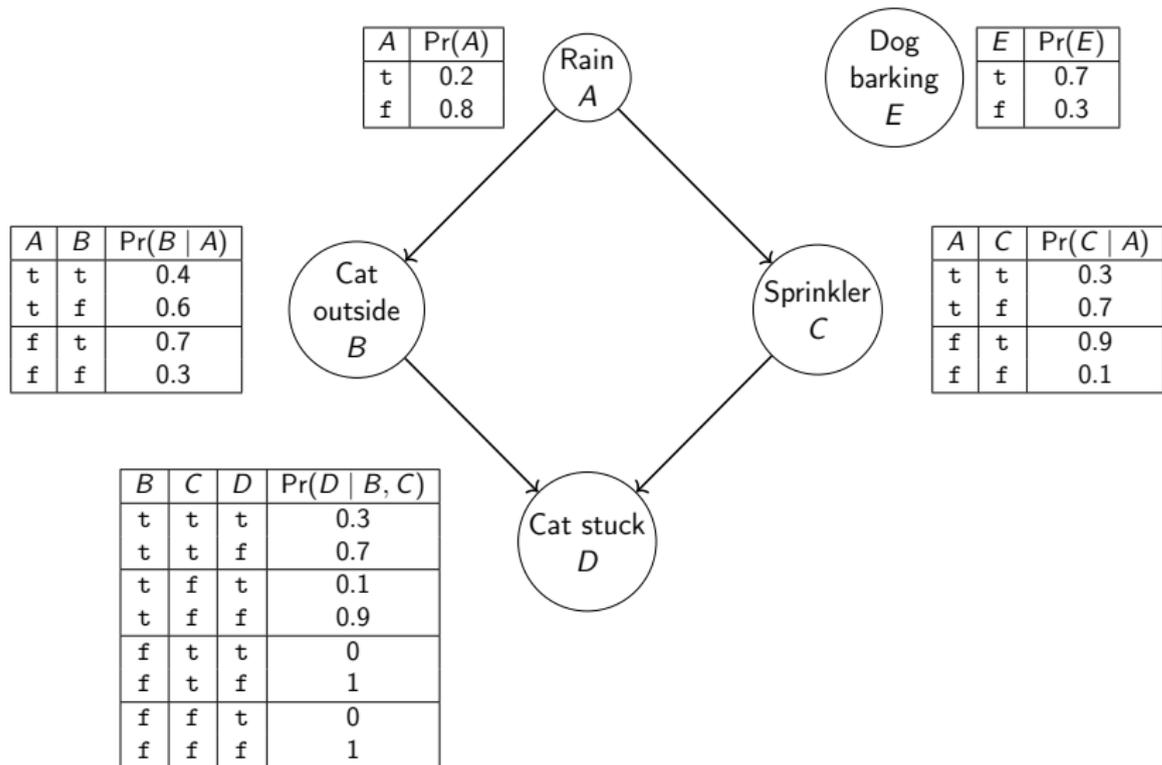


Plan

- ▶ Bayesian Networks
- ▶ Bayesian Networks in Proof Nets of Linear Logic
- ▶ Example of Graphical Reasoning

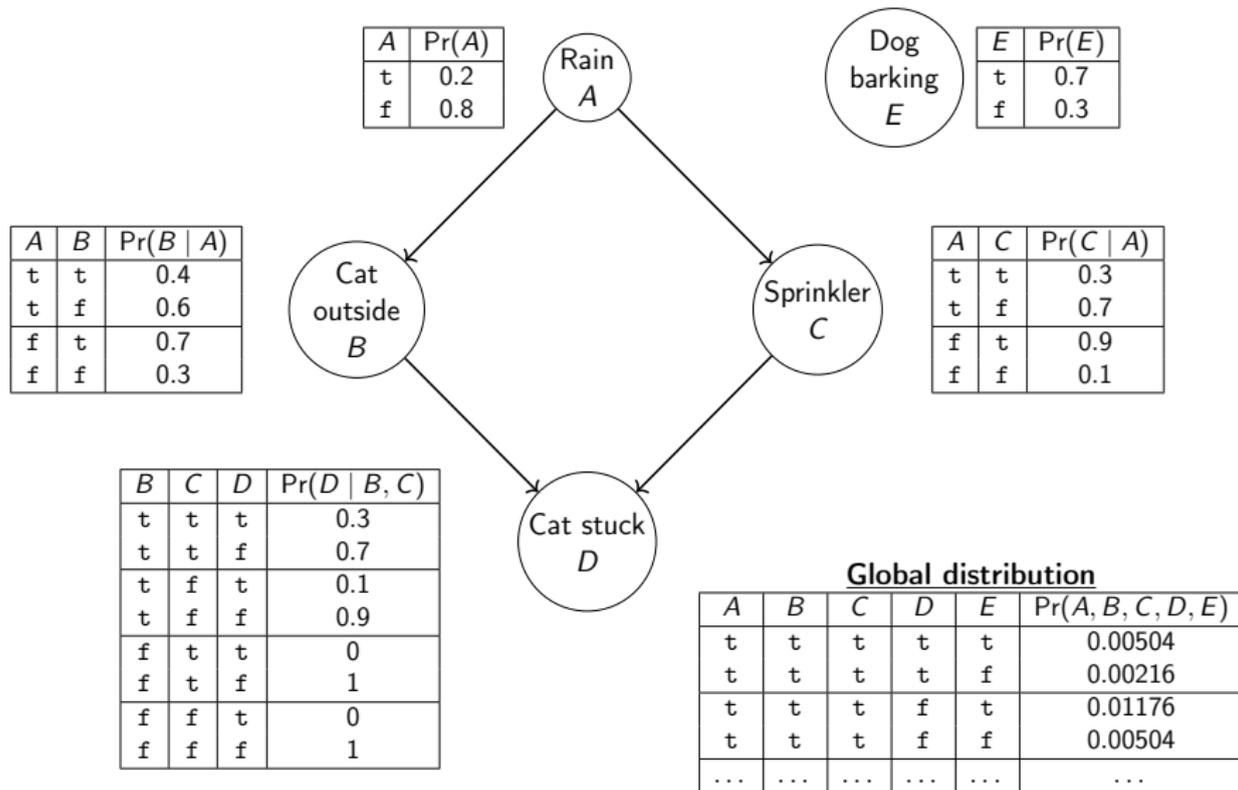
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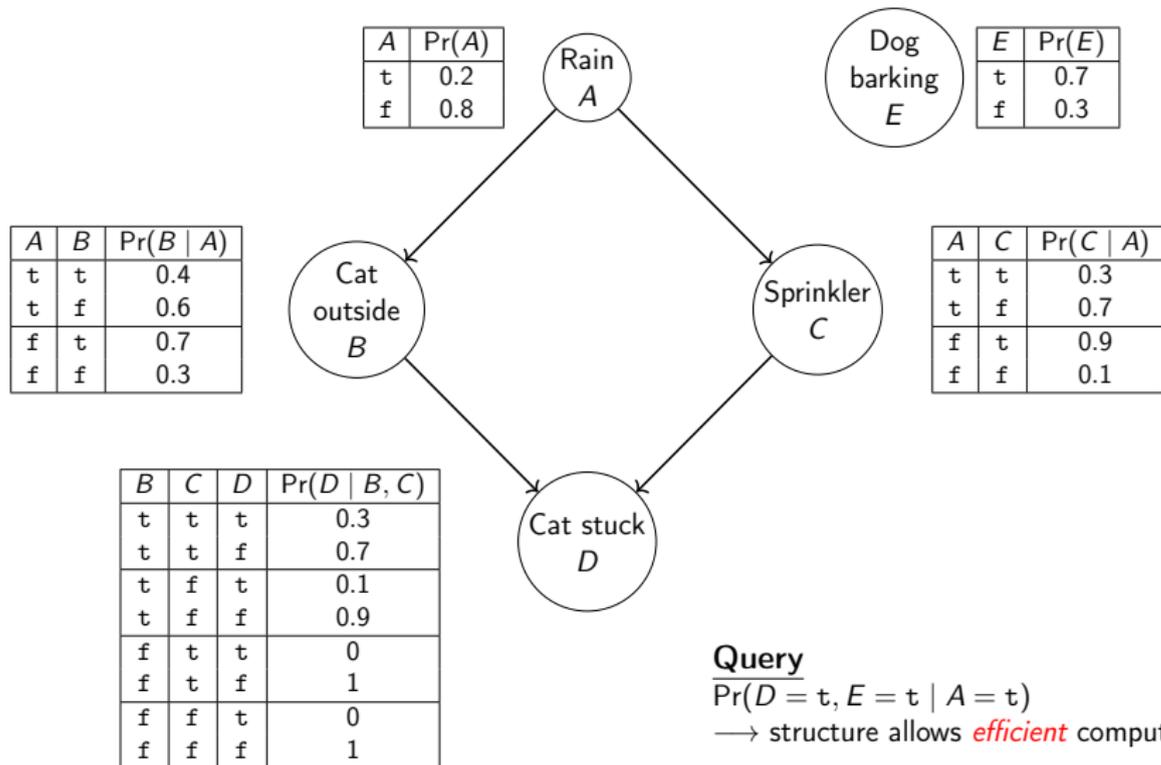
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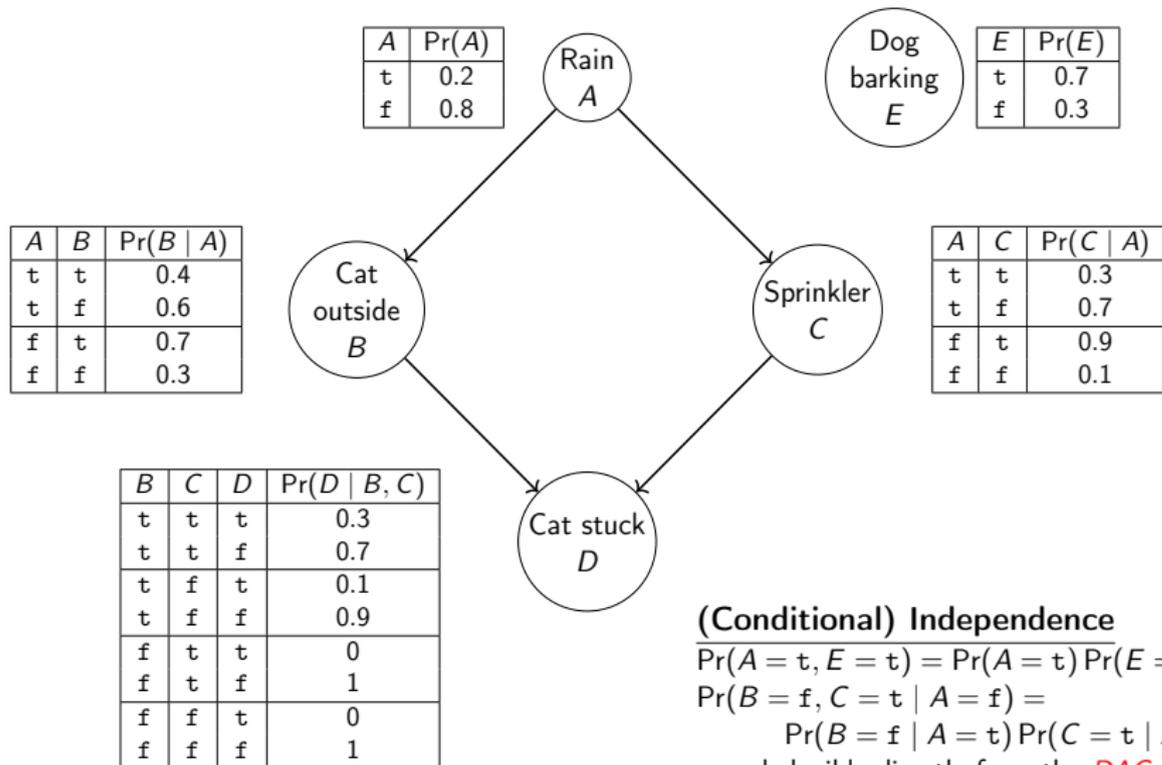
Query

$$\Pr(D = t, E = t \mid A = t)$$

→ structure allows *efficient* computation

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(Conditional) Independence

$$\Pr(A = t, E = t) = \Pr(A = t) \Pr(E = t)$$

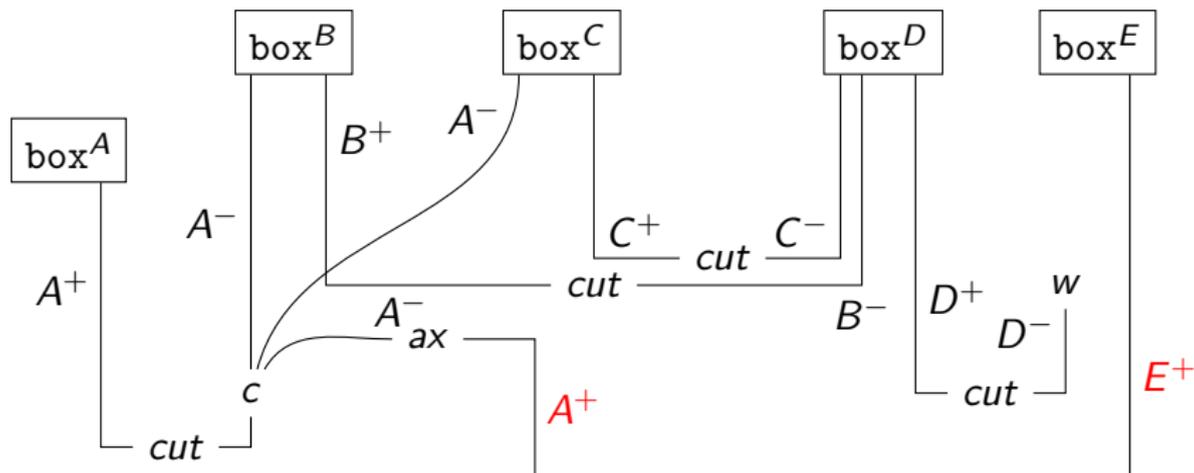
$$\Pr(B = f, C = t | A = f) =$$

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→ deducible directly from the **DAG**

Bayesian Proof Nets

Bayesian Networks can be embedded in Proof Nets



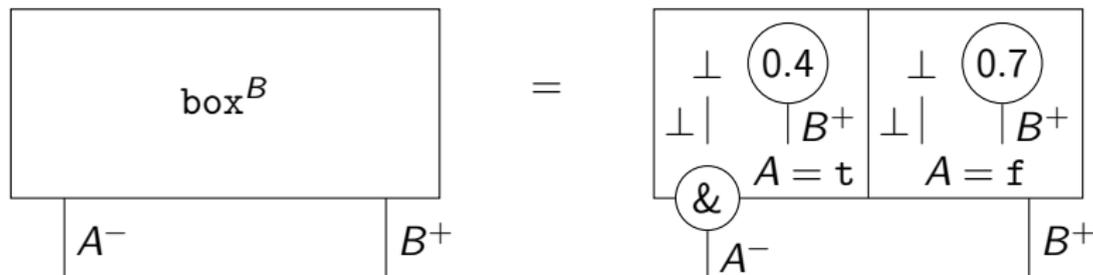
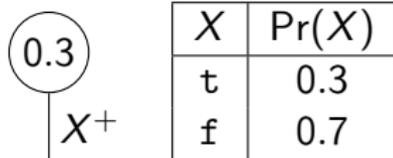
Query in the syntax = labels of the pending edges

→ here the semantics of the proof net P is $\llbracket P \rrbracket = \Pr(A, E)$

What is inside a box?

Secretly, variables A^+, B^+, \dots are not atoms but **booleans** ($= 1 \oplus 1$).

A box = **Bernoullis** + “if ... then ... else ...” ($= \&$).



A	B	$\Pr(B A)$
t	t	0.4
t	f	0.6
f	t	0.7
f	f	0.3

Conditional Independence Graphically

Definition

Variables X and Y are **conditionally independent** given Z if

$$\Pr(X, Y | Z) = \Pr(X | Z) \Pr(Y | Z).$$

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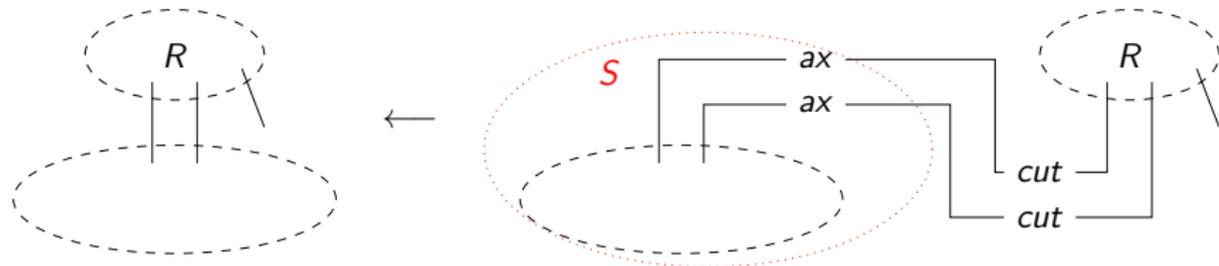
In a Bayesian Proof Net, X and Y are **disconnected** by Z if there is no path between box^X and box^Y once removing all edges labeled by Z .

Theorem

If X and Y are disconnected by Z then X and Y are conditionally independent given Z in the associated distribution.

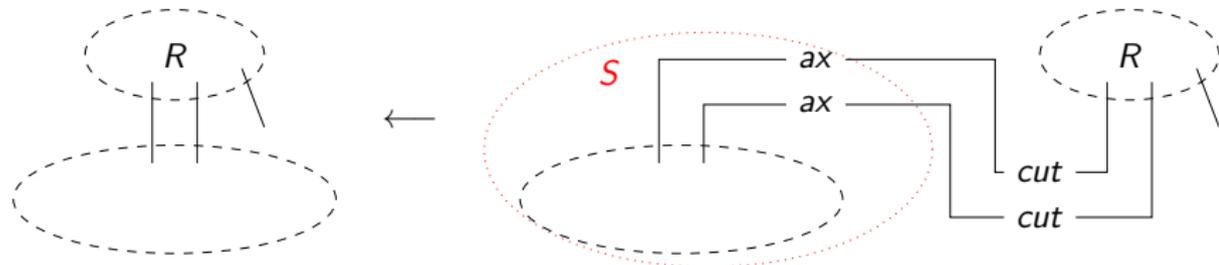
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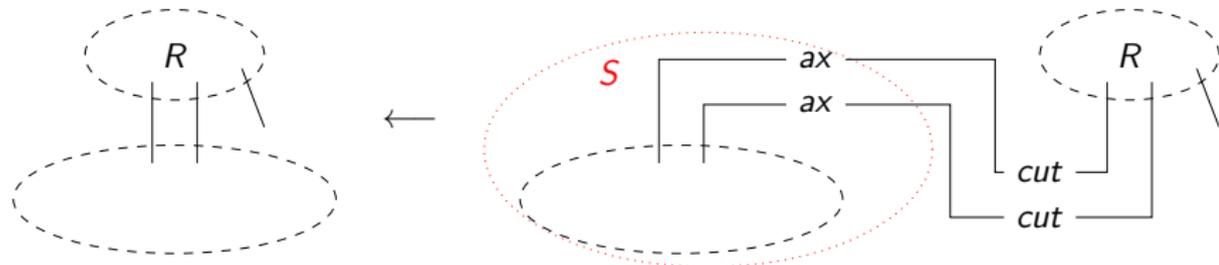
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